

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
MCALLEN DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

*Plaintiff,*

v.

0.382 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS,  
SITUATE IN STAR COUNTY,  
STATE OF TEXAS; AND JESUS  
ALVAREZ, JR ET AL.,

*Defendants,*

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CASE NO. 7:20-CV-329

**JOINT NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT IN PRINCIPLE BETWEEN  
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE DEFENDANTS**

1. Pursuant to Local Rule 16.3, Defendants Jesus Alvarez, Jr., Elegio Alvarez, Jessica L. Alvarez (Escobar), Maria E. Alvarez (Garza), Maria A. Alvarez (Hinojosa), Aleida Alvarez and Plaintiff, the United States of America (collectively, “the Parties”), file this joint notice of the Parties’ forthcoming settlement agreement.

2. The Parties have reached a settlement in principle that, once finalized, will resolve this matter entirely. The Parties are in the process of finalizing language that will require approval from the U.S. Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and U.S. Department of Justice.

3. Upon finalizing the Parties’ settlement agreement, the Parties will file a joint stipulation to settle, detailing the terms of the Parties’ agreement and requesting that the Court enter an order of dismissal in accordance with those terms.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Chanmealea Thou, Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of Texas, hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing will be served on all parties who do not receive ECF notifications by U.S. regular mail on September 7, 2021 in accordance with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.